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FOLLOWING EDITORIAL SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST JULY 24 TITLED
"FAILURE OF A MISSION":

1. THE FULL CONSEQUENCES OF CANADA'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION (ICRA) IN SOUTH VIETNAM REMAIN TO BE SEEN, BUT CERTAINLY IT SHOWS UP ONCE AGAIN THE FRAGILITY OF THE VIETNAM PEACE ARRANGEMENTS.
2. BECAUSE OF THE FRUSTRATIONS SHE HAD EXPERIENCED WHILE SERVING ON THE NOW INACTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION (ICC), SET UP BY THE GENEVA ACCORDS ON VIETNAM AND LAOS, CANADA AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ICCS WITH SOME RESERVATIONS.
3. HER MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NEW SET-UP, COMPOSED OF HUNGARY, POLAND, INDONESIA AND HERSELF, WERE IN FACT BORNE OUT IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ICCS.
4. FROM THE BEGINNING, THE COMMISSION WAS HAMPERED IN ITS INVESTIGATIONS INTO REPORTED INFRINGEMENTS OF THE PEACE ACCORD BY

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OBSTACLES PLACED IN ITS PATH BY THE VIET CONG AND THE LACK OF

CO-OPERATION ON THE PART OF NORTH VIETNAM.

5. HELICOPTERS, CONSPICUOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS ICCS AIRCRAFT, WERE SHOT DOWN WHILE ON INVESTIGATION TRIPS AND EFFORTS TO SUBMIT REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS WERE THWARTED BY THE STIPULATION IN THE PEACE AGREEMENT THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL OPERATE ON THE PRINCIPLE OF "CONSULTATIONS AND UNANIMITY."

6. INVARIABLY, THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN MEMBERS REFUSED TO ENDORSE REPORTS THAT WERE UNFAVOURABLE TO THE VIET CONG AND NORTH VIETNAM.

7. ONE GLARING VIOLATION WAS THE INTRODUCTION OF MISSILES INTO VIET CONG OCCUPIED AREAS BY NORTH VIETNAM WHICH THE COMMUNISTS FIRST DENOUNCED AS BEING BASED ON FALSE EVIDENCE AND THEN LATER CLAIMED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MISSILES WERE TAKEN BEFORE THE PEACE ACCORD CAME INTO EFFECT.

8. A POSITIVE INVESTIGATION INTO THE QUESTION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE BECAUSE OF THE REFUSAL OF THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN MEMBERS.

9. CANADA, OF COURSE, ANTICIPATED THIS DEPLORABLE SITUATION WHEN HER MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. MITCHELL SHARP, OBSERVED IN MARCH THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION MADE IT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT IT WOULD EVER REACH A FINDING UNFAVOURABLE TO NORTH VIETNAM OR TO HER ALLIES IN THE SOUTH.

10. THE CANADIANS HAVE TRIED IN VAIN TO MAKE THE COMMISSION AN IMPARTIAL, EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT OF THE PEACE AGREEMENT AND THEIR REPLACEMENT BY OTHERS WAS NOT LIKELY TO SUCCEED WHERE THEY HAD FAILED.

11. AS THE LEADER OF THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT SAYS, THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA CAN EXERT INFLUENCE ON NORTH VIETNAM AND THE VIET CONG TO STRICTLY OBSERVE THE PEACE ACCORD BUT THEY ARE INTERESTED PARTIES.

12. AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION LIES IN REVIEWING THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION TO MAKE IT AN IMPARTIAL NEUTRAL ORGANISATION.

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